How to Submit Bids Online Central Procurement Office

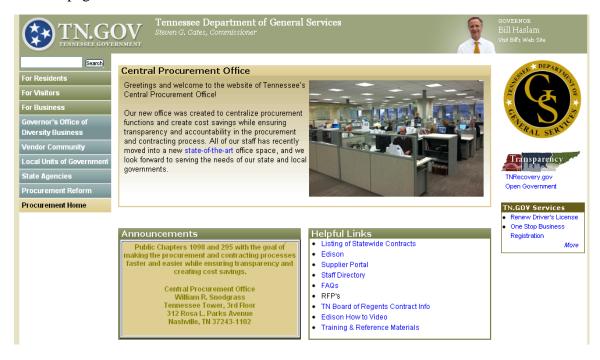


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Getting to the Supplier Portal

- Navigate to the Central Procurement website http://tn.gov/generalserv/purchasing/
- Click Supplier Portal under the Helpful links section of the Central Procurement webpage shown below.



Signing In



• The Supplier Portal should appear as the screenshot above.

• Locate the login boxes and sign in using a User ID and Password.

User ID:	
Password:	

- o **User ID:** If you're an E-supplier your User ID will start with: TN@
- o If you're a bidder, then your User ID will be the email address used to register.
- **Password:** Minimum of 8 characters and must include a number and a special character.

Note: If you're experiencing log on issues contact the Edison Help Desk line at 615-741-4357 or 866-376-0104.

Viewing events

 Once signed in, bids are randomly displayed on the Supplier Portal home page. To view all bids available, click on <u>See all of my events</u> located below the events displayed.



Results Should Include:

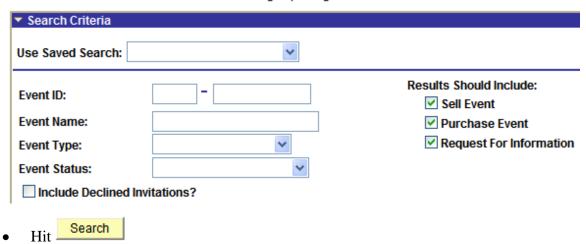
- ✓ Sell Event
- ✓ Purchase Event
- To view all bids make sure

 Request For Information are checked, with all other boxes in the search criteria left blank, except the Event Status field. Change



View Events and Place Bids

Enter search criteria to locate an event for viewing or placing bids.

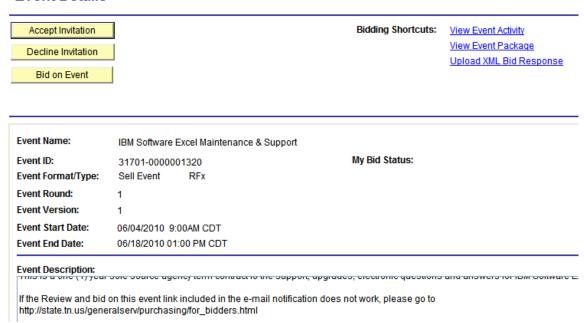


• The search results will pull up. To view the event, click on the events' hyper link 31701-0000001022 to enter the event details.



• The **Event Details** screen will display (pictured below), which is essentially the front page of the bid.

Event Details



• Note: You cannot view specs/attachments or enter a bid on this page.

Entering and viewing a bid

• From the **Event Details** screen, click on appear as displayed below:

Bid on Event

and the screen will

Event Details



• Now you are actually in the bid. At the top and bottom of the page are three buttons.

- Submit Bid Click to submit your bid.
- Save for Later Save your bid progress.
- Validate Entries Will display questions or bid factors that have not been addressed.

Attachments (Specifications/Terms and Conditions)



Underneath the Event's start and end dates, click
 View/Add General Comments and Attachments to view specifications, terms and conditions, and all attachments related to the event.

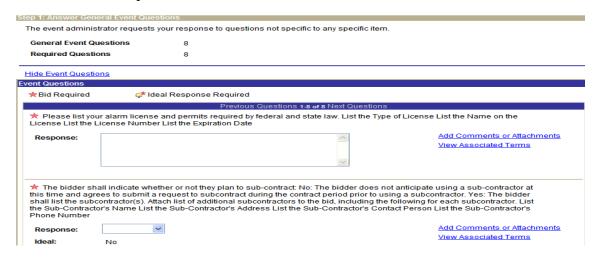
General Comments and Attachments

Business Unit: 32101 Event ID: 0000000607 Attachments View Event Attachments Attachment Description View **Attached File** Specifications_32101-0000000607.pdf Specifications View SHARE_32101-0000000607_0.00.doc Terms & Conditions View Site Visit Site_Visit_Attachment.doc View Sprinkler_System_Mtnc,_Insp.,_Test___Repair.xml Event Bid Package View Sprinkler_System_Mtnc,_Insp.,_Test___Repair.pdf Event Details View Add New Attachments First 1 of 1 Attached File Upload View Attachment Description Upload View Add New Attachments

- On this screen you can add comments, upload a document (s), along with viewing any attachments pertinent to the bid.
 - Note: Be aware of Pop up blockers. A tip for viewing attachments is to hold the Ctrl button down on your keyboard while clicking View.
- Hit OK to return back to the bid page.

Answering Bid Factors/Questions

 Answer the required bid factors by filling in the comment section or attaching a required document. • To attach a document to a bid factor click the Add Comments or Attachments in the respective bid factor and upload the attachment.

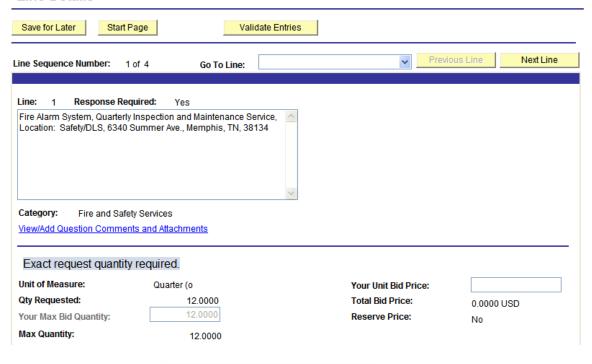


Entering a bid price



- A blank is available to enter a bid price
- Clicking the Bid link opens the **Line Details** screen, which is a more in-depth option for placing a bid. This is the location where you can view specifications that are attached to the line; address bid factors attached to the line, such as adding brands and models, or read any comments.

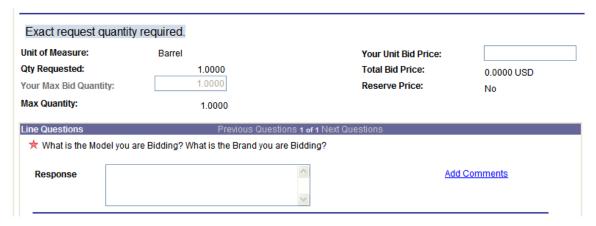
Line Details



- Enter a bid price in Your Unit Bid Price:
- Comments/Attachments can be viewed or added to the line by clicking <u>View/Add Question Comments and Attachments</u>

Line Bid Factors

• Line bid factors are displayed on the **Line Details** screen if you have a bid factor assigned to a line. The most common line bid factors are brand and model questions.



Clicking Bid on a line brings up the Line Details screen will appear, which is a more in-depth option for placing a bid. This is the location where you can view specifications that are attached to the line; address bid factors attached to the line, such as adding brands and models, or read any comments.

- In the screenshot above a bidder would have to enter a bid price, and then address the
 bid factor. Specifications, product literature, etc can be attached to the bid factor by
 clicking Add Comments and uploading the attachment.
- To continue to the next line hit Next Line or choose the drop down box.



• To return to the main bid page click Start Page. Do not hit the back button.

Saving a bid for later

• The option to save your progress is available by clicking Save for Later at the top of the main bid page. The screenshot below will display:

The bid is not complete. (18058,342)

If you would like to save your bid for submittal at a later time, select "OK". If not, select "Cancel" to return to the bid response pages so that you can continue editing your bid.

OK

Cancel

- Click OK . Your progress will be saved and you are returned back to the bid
- To return to a saved bid later, go to the **Event Details** screen of your event.

Event Details



• After saving a new option will be available under bidding shortcuts in the Event Details screen. Click <u>View. Edit or Copy from Saved Bids</u> to access your saved bid (s).

View, Edit or copy from Saved Bids



Return to Event Search

• Click View/Edit. The saved bid will display. You then can continue bidding from the point you saved your bid.

Note: When editing a previously **submitted** bid be aware that you can **un-submit** your bid. If your bid has been **submitted** and you choose to **edit** your submitted bid and then **save**, you must **re-submit** the bid. This is due to the system removing your bid from submission after the **save**. The system removes your bid from submission after the save due to it thinking you're back to the edit stage of your bid process. By saving it saves your edits, but actually removes your bid. You must hit **submit bid** again after editing your posted bid and saving in order for that bid to be posted again.

• Hitting the "save for later" button after submitting a bid, will display the following message box:



• If you've already submitted a bid, by hitting the Save for Later button, you've changed the status of that bid to "Saved" rather than "Posted". To change your bid back to "Posted" you must re-submit your bid.

Submitting a bid

To submit a bid click
 Submit Bid

Bid Confirmation

Your bid has been successfully submitted. Bid ID: **Bid Date:** 07/29/2010 4:05:14PM CDT Event ID: 0000001542 Test RFI Event Format: Request For Information Round: Version: 07/15/2010 1:00PM CDT Start Date: End Date: 0 hrs, 18 mins, 36 secs OK Copy Bid

- The bidder confirms that they want to submit their bid by clicking OK. Once submitted the bidder will receive an email from the system with their bid attached in .pdf form.
- Directly after submitting your bid it is vital that you <u>do not</u> hit the back button and try to print the bid out. The back button may cause the system to un-submit your bid at this point. Click OK and simply wait for the system to email you your copy of the bid.

(Example of confirmation email sent by the Edison system with bid attached)



Bid Notification

This is a confirmation of your bid placed on a strategic sourcing event. See below for details.



Submitting an Alternate Bid

After submitting your initial bid navigate back to the Event and the Event Details screen will appear like the image shown below.

Event Details

Bid on Event

Bidding

Shortcuts:

Bids

View, Edit or Copy from Saved

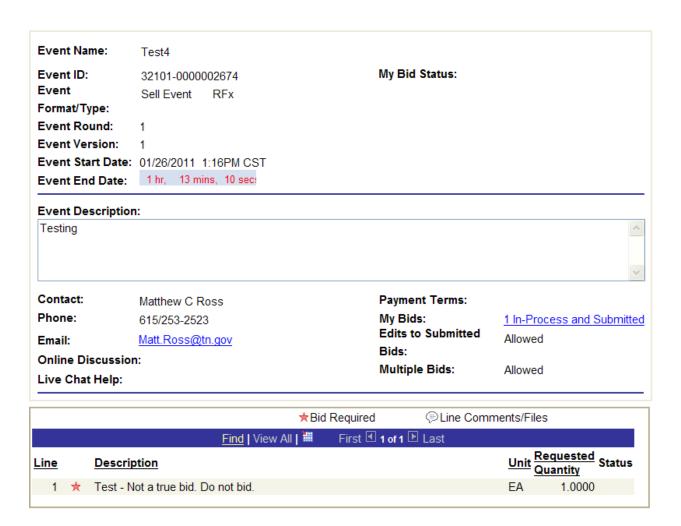
Shortcuts:

Bids

View Event Activity

View Event Package

Upload XML Bid Response



There are several ways to enter an alternative bid:

One way is to click on above) and a new blank bid will appear. Fill out the bid accordingly with the alternative pricing, brand, etc, and then submit the bid.

View, Edit or Copy from Saved

- You can also click on Bids or 1 In-Process and Submitted from the Event Details screen to submit an alternative bid. Follow the bullets below:

View, Edit or copy from Saved Bids

Welcome, State Of Tennessee

Event Name: Test4

 Event ID
 32101-0000002674
 Event Round:
 1

 Event
 Sell Event
 RFx
 Event Version:
 1

Format/Type:

Event Start Date: 01/26/2011 1:16PM CST Multiple Bids Allowed

Event End Date: 1 hr, 12 mins, 46 sec: Currency US Dollar



Return to Event Search

- Click on Copy of the bid that you wish to submit again with alternative information.
- Your bid will appear with your previous entries populated in the blanks.
- Navigate to the area you wish to submit something alternatively.
- Make your changes and then submit the bid again to post your alternative bid.

After hitting submit bid, the bid confirmation screen will appear. (See image below)

Your bid has been successfully submitted.

Bid ID: 2 Bid Date: 01/28/2011 11:54:24AM CST

Event ID: 0000002694 Test5

 Event Format:
 Sell Event
 Round:
 1
 Version:
 1

 Start Date:
 01/28/2011 11:41AM CST
 End Date:
 1 hr. 46 mins, 26 sec:
 26 sec:

Your Total Price: 9.00 USD

OK Copy Bid

Notice the Bid ID field, the 2 is an indicator that you've submitted a second bid as opposed to writing over your first bid.

- Another way to submit an alternative bid is by clicking Copy Bid directly after submitting your first bid. (*Image below displays immediately after hitting submit bid*).

Bid Confirmation

Your bid has been successfully submitted.

Bid ID: 1 Bid Date: 07/29/2010 4:05:14PM CDT

Event ID: 0000001542 Test RFI

Event Format: Request For Information Round: 1 Version: 1

Start Date: 07/15/2010 1:00PM CDT End Date: 0 hrs, 18 mins, 36 secs

OK Copy Bid

- By clicking Copy Bid from this point your bid will appear with your previous entries populated in the blanks.
- Navigate to the area you wish to submit something alternatively.
- Make your changes and then <u>submit the bid again</u> to post your alternative bid.

How to Check the Status of Your Bid

• To check the status of a submitted bid, navigate to the Event Details screen of the particular Event.

Event Details

Bid on Event Bidding View, Edit or Copy from Saved

Shortcuts: Bids

View Event Activity
View Event Package
Upload XML Bid Response

Event Name: Test4

Event ID: 32101-0000002674 My Bid Status:

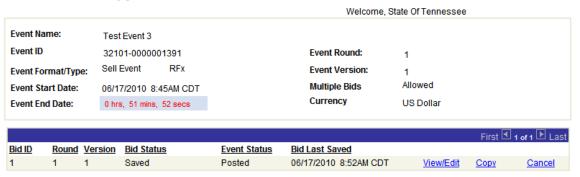
View, Edit or Copy from Saved

Call Cuant DCu

• Click Bids

Event

View, Edit or copy from Saved Bids



Return to Event Search

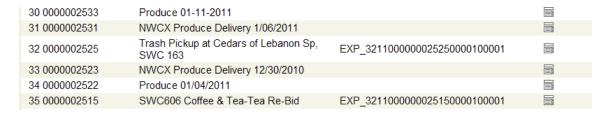
• Locate the column Titled: **Bid Status**.

Accessing Bid Tabulations

- Bid tabulations are located on the front page of the Supplier Portal. You must be signed out in order to gain access to the bid tabulation link.
- Once signed out, the Bid Evaluations link is located in the middle right portion of the home page of the Supplier Portal. Choose the tabulation from the results.



• After hitting <u>Bid Evaluations</u> a pop-up window will appear with bid tabulations. (If a window doesn't appear, make sure you have pop ups allowed).

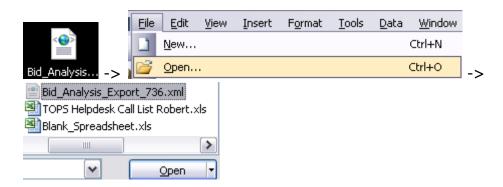


• Events with a EXP_3211000000025250000100001 indicate a tabulation is available for review.

• Click on to bring up the bid tabulation page. The image below will display:

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<?xml version="1.0" encoding="ISO-8859-15" ?>
- <Workbook xmlns="urn:schemas-microsoft-com:office:spreadsheet"</p>
   xmlns:html="http://www.w3.org/TR/REC-html40" xmlns:o="urn:schemas-microsoft-
   com:office:office" xmlns:ss="urn:schemas-microsoft-com:office:spreadsheet"
   xmlns:x="urn:schemas-microsoft-com:office:excel">
      ************PLEASE READ TO OPEN THIS FILE!!!! *************
      At the top of your browser go to File->Save As and select where you would like to save this
      Once the file is saved, there are two ways to open it in Excel:
      1. Open Microsoft Excel. At the top, do a File->Open. Navigate to this file, click on it 2. Right click on this file and select "Open With". Then, select Microsoft Excel as the a
 - <Styles>
   - <Style ss:ID="s1">
       <ss:Font ss:Bold="1" ss:Size="14" x:Family="Swiss" />
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     </Style>
    - <Style ss:ID="s3">
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   - <Style ss:ID="s4">
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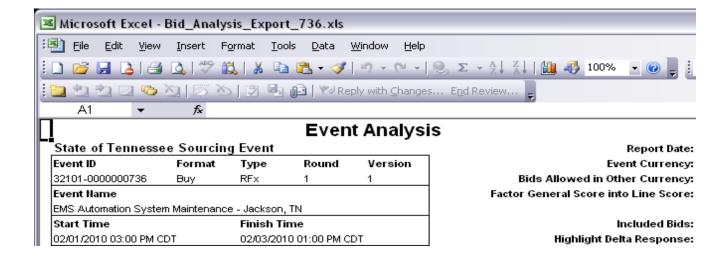
• Save the page to your desk top or wherever you can locate the file. The open Excel, and go to File-> Open and select the XML file from wherever you saved it.



• The file will open. Then immediately go to **File**, then **Save As** and save a copy of it in .xls (Excel) format.



• Close the XML file and open the Excel file. It should look like the picture below.



Miscellaneous

• The supplier portal has a time out function. If the page remains in-active for an extended amount of time the system will lock the user out.